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Operational/Intelligence/ONOPES/SMAM Capture of Captain Zejnel SMENI

RNF: C 3 dated 15 December 1953

- 1. On 3 December 1953 an Albanian emigrant named Asmi Bey CHRI arrived in Istanbul from Chrid, Tugoslavia, with the information that Captain Zejnel SHEHI and three commanions were captured and imprisoned by the Albanian Communist authorities, while two other members of the group, whose names are unknown, succeeded in escaping and have gone into hiding. This story is circulating in Chrid together with the further report that Mehmet SHEHU, the Minister of Interior, is conducting an intensive search for the two escaped patriots, and as of 15 November 1953, they had not been captured. According to Asmi Bey, the fact of Sejnel's capture is also known to the Yugoslav authorities in Chrid.
- 2. Asmi OMRI is a relative of Irfan Bey OMRI, who is living with King Zog in Alexandria, Egypt.
- 3. The above report was obtained from [ ]

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